

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 596
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to commend John Lankford for exemplary
service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, John Lankford is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Chair Leslie Winningham, Vice-Chair Tommie F. Brown, Secretary Joe Towns, Jr., and the members of the House Education Committee; his work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Lankford has achieved academic success even while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he has earned a stellar grade point average of 3.82, and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, the Student Government Association, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and the Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, a native of Paris, he is the proud son of Joe and Glenda Lankford; he evinces his great faith as a member of the North Fork Baptist Church, which he serves as a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he is an active member of the Democratic Party; he became the youngest elected official in the Tennessee Democratic Party at the age of nineteen, when he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Henry County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, he has been named one of the Top 100 Young Political Leaders in the United States, and he was a participant in the inaugural Gore/Alexander National Young Political Leaders Conference; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Lankford brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, John Lankford has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend John Lankford for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chair Leslie Winningham, Vice-Chair Tommie F. Brown, Secretary Joe Towns, Jr., and the members of the House Education Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.